

## Supervisor Molina Presents Employee of the Month to Sheriff Department's Steve D. Sanchez

Steve D. Sanchez has been employed by the County of Los Angeles for more than 20 years. Currently, he is serving as a Community Relations Sergeant, assigned to the Pico Rivera Sheriff's Station. As such, he is very involved in various activities that concern the community, from coordinating neighborhood watch groups and citizens academies, to organizing annual community toy drives.



The name Steve D. Sanchez is synonymous with the word "extraordinary." He has contributed so much to the Pico Rivera community and others, that his efforts and involvements are held in high esteem by all with whom he comes into contact with. Sergeant Sanchez attends all Pico Rivera City Council meetings, held twice a month in the Council chambers of City Hall. There, he serves as the sergeant-at-arms, personally greeting every person attending the meetings. As a result, it is not uncommon for citizens to visit the station and ask for him as if he were a family member or best friend. The rapport he has established in the community is priceless.

For the past nine years, Sergeant Sanchez has coordinated the annual toy drive for the Pico Rivera Station. He has developed a network of supporters who willingly donate thousands of toys to needy children. In addition, he coordinates the distribution of food baskets to those in need. The toy drive

is so successful that people arrive as early as 5:00 a.m. for the give-away starting around noon. The event is attended by thousands of families, and also City Hall and Sheriff's Department executives such as the Mayor, City Manager, Captain of the station and the Sheriff, as well as representatives from the media. During the annual toy drive, over 8,000 toys, along with approximately 100 bicycles and scooters were given away to needy children.

Upon hearing of the plight of needy children in orphanages in Mexico, Sergeant Sanchez was able to organize the

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## It's All in the Family... Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families

Excitement is mounting as once again, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich will pay tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States at his annual "Remembering Our Veterans and Their Families...Past, Present and Future." Now in its eighth year, the event will take place at Arcadia County Park on **Saturday, May 28**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The park is located at 405 South Santa Anita Avenue in Arcadia.

This year's highlights include skydivers, a flyover by WWII fighter planes, food booths and live music. In addition to that, attendees can avail themselves of free

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## EVENT CALENDAR

### **County of Los Angeles Wellness Fair**

Wednesday, March 30

**Department of Public Works**

**335A East Avenue K-6 (South Entrance)**

**Lancaster, CA 93535**

### **18th Annual County Employees Chess Championship**

Thursday, April 14 - 6 p.m.

**Department of Public Works**

**900 S. Fremont Avenue, Conference Room C**

**Alhambra, CA 91803**

### **Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden**

**301 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia 91007**

For a list of seminars, workshops and classes,  
please visit [www.arboretum.org](http://www.arboretum.org) or call (626) 821-4623

### **Los Angeles County Museum of Art**

**5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90036**

**(323) 857-6000**

**[www.lacma.org](http://www.lacma.org)**

Through Apr 3 – The Arts & Crafts Movement in Europe  
and America, 1880-1920: Design for the Modern World

### **Music Center**

**135 N. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012**

**(213) 972-7211**

**[www.musiccenter.org](http://www.musiccenter.org)**

### **Mark Taper Forum**

April 7-May 15 – Electricidad

### **Walt Disney Concert Hall**

**151 S. Grand Ave., Los Angeles 90012**

March 31-Apr 1 – Temirkanov

April 2 – Kronos Quartet with Emil Zrihan

April 3 – Temirkanov

April 3 – Organ Recital: Thomas Murray (7:30 p.m.)

April 5 – Chamber Music-From Bohemia's Meadows &  
Forests

April 7-9 – Brahms and the Gypsies

April 8 – San Francisco Jazz Collective (8 p.m.)

April 12 – Kirov Orchestra

April 13 – Il Giardino Armonico

April 14-17 – Bohemia's Meadows and Forests

April 19 – Chamber Music-Haydn/Beethoven/Ravel

April 20 – Recital: Han-Na Chang

April 22-24 – Thibaudet Plays Ravel

April 23 – Toyota Symphony for Youth (11 a.m.)

## Multicultural Conference Set

The County of Los Angeles will sponsor the Seventh Annual Multicultural Conference on Thursday, May 12, at the Hilton Los Angeles/Universal City, 555 Universal Hollywood Drive, in Universal City.

“One World - One Heart, Continuing the Journey 2005: Adapting to Change in a Culturally Diverse Society,” is the conference theme. Attendees will interact with professionals in the field of diversity and cultural competency. Areas of discussion will include how to assess clients, manage conflict and communicate across cultures.

The fee is \$75 per person. For additional information, please contact Mary Norman at (213) 738-9417.

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immunizations, haircuts and/or manicures and health screenings, as well as obtain information on employment opportunities, veteran's benefits and legal assistance. A special tribute to our Armed Forces will be held at 11:30.

The organizing committee is requesting that attendees bring a duplicate of a military photo to be placed on the “Wall of Remembrance.”

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call (626) 967-1441 or (909) 394-2264. The event will be held rain or shine.



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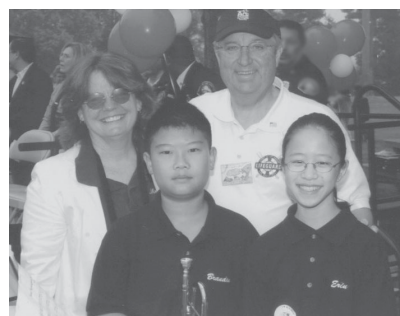
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## Safe Communities Week

The week of March 7-12 was designated "Safe Communities Week" to urge all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, and businesses to increase their participation in their community's crime prevention efforts.

The community of Rowland Heights hosted a festival that featured information, games, and food booths from local schools and community agencies. The Fire department, Sheriff's department, local schools, churches, Parks and Public Works attended the event. "The vitality of Los Angeles County depends on the safety of our homes, neighborhoods, work places and communities," Supervisor Knabe said. "As a community, we must come together to create a safe, healthy and crime-free environment so that we can all enjoy an improved quality of life."

Though this week has been designated for recognition, the safe community program is a long-term commitment



to making a positive difference by educating youth and adults, providing positive alternatives and role models for children, and unifying the support of the local community.

## Los Verdes Golf Course

The Los Verdes Golf Course is receiving an estimated \$2 million to renovate the irrigation system. The funding will provide for a more efficient system that will be able to determine the optimal times for irrigation to be conducted. It can also turn the system off during rainy weather to avoid over watering to make optimal use of resources.

"As the only golf course located in Rancho Palos Verdes overlooking the stunning vista of the Pacific Ocean and

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## County of Los Angeles Cesar E. Chavez 2005 Community Service Week Employee Volunteer Application

Volunteers will provide educational assistance as part of the 2005 observance of Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week. Please complete this form and return it to Patricia Mannatt, CAO Workplace Programs, 500 W. Temple St., #B-1, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Fax: (213) 633-4694



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please check one:*

**Agency:** Community Service ☐ Public Library ☐ Probation ☐ Parks/Recreation ☐  
**Date:** March 28 ☐ March 29 ☐ March 30 ☐ March 31 ☐ April 1 ☐ April 2 ☐

*Below is my supervisor's approval for me to volunteer as part of the 2005 Cesar Chavez Community Service Week, March 28-April 2, 2005. My supervisor and I understand that volunteering cannot adversely affect the delivery of services to County clients.*

Supervisor's Signature

Date

***"To Enrich Lives Through Effective And Caring Service"***

# RETIREES

*Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 30 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:*

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS & MEASURES:**

Wai J. Leung

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**HUMAN RESOURCES/OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY:** Brenda Beck, Laura J. Odem, Toni Hall-Hardimon, Ronald I. Shaw, Calvin Shows, Gary R. Treadway, Clifford S. Tyus

**INTERNAL SERVICES:** Joe A. Espinosa, George D. Harrison, Stephen A. Jenkins, Christa K. Ladd, Calvin N. McGregor, James E. Rogers, Barbara A. Shows, Daniel J. Zuniga Jr.

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shipment of approximately 4,000 pounds of brand new clothing to orphanages in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico. The clothing was donated by local businesses. This activity was coordinated in addition to his work on the toy drive, while fulfilling his many other responsibilities.

Sergeant Sanchez is responsible for the Pico Rivera Station hosting the largest class for the Spanish Language Community Academy. This academy is free to the public and participants are required to attend 13 weeks of training consisting of two and one-half hours per week. The academy is so successful that there have been as many as 68 members from the community graduating at once. Sergeant Sanchez contacts all the agencies involved and specifically requests bilingual personnel who can make their presentations in Spanish. As the director and organizer of the program, Sergeant Sanchez also personally conducts training in English and Spanish.

Under the successful leadership of Sergeant Sanchez, the Pico Rivera Station joins with the City of Pico Rivera in a Peace March Project. For the past 12 years, approximately 1,200 people have joined together during National Night Out for the Pico Rivera Station Peace Project. The goal is to unite the community, the Sheriff's Department and volunteers, while taking a stand against crime. They assemble in front of City Hall, walk a distance en masse and culminate with a celebration whereby they enjoy music, free food and a candlelight vigil.

Sergeant Sanchez has been married to his lovely wife, Leonicia, for 25 years, and together they have three children. Their son, Steve is a graduate from the University of Notre Dame, and he and his wife are expecting their first child in April. Their daughter, Monique is also married and their youngest, daughter, Melissa is currently attending high school.

The highest accolades are extended to Sergeant Steve D. Sanchez in fostering a tremendous philanthropic spirit and in bridging the gap between the County and those we serve. Congratulations!



## Alternative to Fighting Mall Traffic:

*Take Metro to Shop for Unique Gifts,  
Bargain Prices in Toy, Jewelry, Fashion Districts,  
and Other Special Areas*

Shoppers looking for unique gifts without fighting shopping mall crowds and traffic will find the Metro Bus and Rail system a great way to shop this year. The Metro system provides easy, convenient access to many special Los Angeles shopping areas, as well as to shopping districts that offer bargain prices to the public.

Downtown Los Angeles provides a treasure trove of shopping districts for every gift-giving need. Whether arriving on Metro Bus or Rail, Metrolink or Dash Buses, the downtown area is a great shopping resource, with entire blocks dedicated to selling everything from jewelry to fashions, toys to flowers, produce and more.

Downtown's Toy District is a popular shopping venue, with 12 square blocks of wholesale-priced toys, including action figures, stuffed animals, games, and knickknacks. Shoppers can access the area, bounded by Third, San Pedro, Fifth and Los Angeles Streets, via Metro Red Line and DASH "D" buses.

The Fashion District, located between Broadway, Wall Street, 7th Street and Pico Boulevard, is another popular area where shoppers can find discounted women's wear, men's wear, children's wear, accessories and textiles. Santee Alley between Ninth Street and Olympic Boulevard is an excellent location for bargain fashion shopping.

In downtown's Jewelry District, located between Hill Street and Broadway, from 5th Street to 8th Street, shoppers can save 50-70 percent off regular prices for such jewelry items as precious gems, gold and silver watches, rings, and chains.

For those planning special celebrations, the Flower District between San Pedro and Wall Streets in downtown offers cut flowers, potted plants and exotic blooms.

Grand Central Market, located at 317 S. Broadway in Los Angeles' Historic District, is the oldest of all concession-type markets on the Pacific Coast, offering produce, dried goods, spices, meats, poultry, seafood and 13 ethnic eateries.

Both Chinatown and Olvera Street are within walking

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## Supervisor Antonovich Tours Flood Ravaged Areas, Works to Expedite Relief Efforts

Supervisor Antonovich recently joined Fire and Public Works officials to tour flood-ravaged areas and assess the damage caused by the heavy rainfall and flooding during winter storms. The Supervisor visited the Red Cross Evacuation Center at College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita, a road repair crew on Chiquito Canyon Road in Val Verde, Fire Station 129 in the Antelope Valley, and participated in a fly-over of some of the most heavily damaged areas.



*Supervisor Antonovich discusses storm damage with Fire Department personnel while a member of the media looks on.*

The Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Antonovich's motion proclaiming a local state of emergency for the County of Los Angeles, including impacted areas in the Antelope, Santa Clarita and San Gabriel Valleys disproportionately affected by the storm. This proclamation paved the way for additional financial support and other resources from the state and federal governments.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has established the primary Emergency Assistance Center at the Castaic Sports Complex located at 31230 Castaic Road in Castaic. The Center will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"The Antelope, Santa Clarita and San Gabriel Valleys have been severely impacted by this relentless weather resulting in a tragic loss of life, injuries and significant property damage," Supervisor Antonovich said. "President Bush's announcement that FEMA has authorized federal aid and an Emergency Assistance Center in Castaic will bring much-needed support to County residents impacted by the January 2005 rainstorms."

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# ENRICHING LIVES...

## Public Works Celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Department of Public Works was formed on January 1, 1985, consolidating the former County Road Department, a portion of the County Engineer-Facilities, and the County Flood Control District. In 1995, Public Works assumed the responsibility for capital projects from the Internal Services Department. This year, Public Works celebrates its 20th anniversary.

Public Works serves approximately 10 million residents in the County of Los Angeles, covering an area of 4,083 square miles, and is responsible for designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining roads and highways, flood control and water conservation facilities, and water and sewer systems; operating airports; administering local public transit programs; managing capital projects for other County departments; meeting and monitoring environmental requirements; and providing general engineering and building regulation services for the unincorporated areas of the County. In addition, Public Works provides services to many cities within the County on a contract basis.

Set up into 32 divisions and groups, Public Works staffs over 3,500 in approximately 450 job classifications, including professional, technical, clerical, and skilled craft workers. Headquartered in Alhambra, Public Works has 78 field facilities in strategic locations throughout the County to better serve its residents in the unincorporated County areas, as well as contract cities.

Some of the highlights of Public Works first 20 years include:

- Completed consolidation goals one year ahead of schedule
- Implemented a synchronized 4/40 work schedule
- Coped with a multitude of disasters including the Whittier Narrows and Northridge earthquakes, the civil unrest of 1991, and several fires and floods.

- Completed ahead of schedule the first five-year multi-jurisdictional Countywide traffic signal synchronization program to reduce traffic congestion.
- Consolidated eight Waterworks Districts in the Antelope Valley.
- Completed the LACDA project, increasing the 100-year flood capacity of the lower Los Angeles River and Rio Hondo Channel to restore 133-year storm flood protection, alleviating inundation of an 82-square mile area, and preventing an estimated \$2.3 billion in flood damage for \$150 million less than estimated and five years ahead of schedule.
- Moved into a watershed management approach to flood control and water conservation, allowing the integration of efforts to improve stormwater runoff quality, innovative water conservation, management of natural resources, and increased open space and landscaping while providing adequate flood protection for the County's residents.
- Took the lead in coordinating water quality programs for 84 cities in the County as the Principal Permittee under the Countywide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit.
- Reduced the amount of waste sent to landfills by 41 percent between 1990 and 1998.
- Collected more than 10 million pounds of hazardous materials for proper disposal.
- Managed over 150 capital projects for various County departments and agencies valued at over \$1.8 billion.

The operation, maintenance, and repair services provided by Public Works are vital to the functioning of the County of Los Angeles. As our recent storms have shown, these basic services are important at all times, and restoring them to normal levels becomes crucial after a disaster. But there are also several complex issues above and beyond the provision of basic operation, maintenance, and repair of Public Works facilities – issues critical to



## County of Los Angeles VISION

Our ***purpose*** is to improve the quality of life in Los Angeles County by providing responsive, efficient and high quality public services that promote the self-sufficiency, well-being and prosperity of individuals, families, businesses and communities.

Our ***philosophy*** of teamwork and collaboration is anchored in our ***shared values***:

- **A can-do attitude** - we approach each challenge believing that, together, a solution can be achieved.
- **Accountability** - we accept responsibility for the decisions we make and the actions we take.
- **Compassion** - we treat those we serve and each other in a kind and caring manner.
- **Commitment** - we always go the extra mile to achieve our mission.
- **Integrity** - we act consistent with our values.
- **Professionalism** - we perform to a high standard of excellence.
- **Respect for diversity** - we value the uniqueness of every individual and their perspective.
- **Responsiveness** - we take the action needed in a timely manner.

Our ***position*** as the premier organization for those working in the public interest is established by:

- a capability to undertake programs that have public value;
- an aspiration to be recognized through our achievements as the model for civic innovation; and a pledge to always work to earn the public trust.



the County of Los Angeles, such as reducing traffic congestion, conserving and managing our water resources, and planning the management of solid waste disposal. Working in concert with other organizations in the County and the State, Public Works plays a crucial role in developing and implementing solutions to some of the most pressing problems of our constituent communities.

Public Works is dedicated to protecting property and ensuring public safety. Our mission is to “provide public works services in a responsive, efficient, and cost-effective manner.” By striving to increase productivity and efficiency while continuing to emphasize and provide the highest levels of service, Public Works looks forward to successfully meeting the challenges of the future through new technology and continued high standards.

For more information on the Department of Public Works and the services we provide, visit our Web site at <http://www.ladpw.org>.



## D.I.S.A.R.M. Program Continues Success in Removing Weapons from County Streets

Twenty-nine weapons, including handguns, assault rifles, and shotguns, were confiscated from probationers during 315 unannounced searches in December. Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, who initiated the D.I.S.A.R.M. (Developing Increased Safety through Arms Reduction Management) program, announced that the searches resulted in 66 arrests, with more than 42% of probationers found in violation of the conditions of their probation.



*Supervisor Antonovich and Sheriff's Department Commander Sam Jones at a press conference held recently touting the success of the D.I.S.A.R.M. program.*

On January 20, the D.I.S.A.R.M. team performed a major probation sweep in the Pasadena/Altadena area, searching 21 locations, making two arrests of gang members, and confiscating three handguns.

"This operation follows two gang-related shootings in Altadena," Supervisor Antonovich said. "One of the guns confiscated in this sweep is suspected of being used in one of the shootings. This may help solve that crime."

Supervisor Antonovich initiated D.I.S.A.R.M. following the tragic shootings more than four years ago at the North Valley Jewish Community Center and the murder of a postal worker by Buford Furrow, an armed felon on probation from Washington State.

Since February of 2000, the D.I.S.A.R.M. program has seized 1,467 weapons and nearly \$8 million in illegal drugs and drug money, and resulted in 3,233 arrests. This program has also experienced success in warrant enforcement, apprehending 71% of warrants sought.

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distance from downtown's Union Station. Chinatown, also accessible via the Metro Gold Line and Dash "B" Buses, provides shoppers with jewelry, herbal medicines, teas and clothing. Many specialty stores sell fine art, Chinese antiques and jade. Olvera Street, at 845 N. Alameda Street, offers great shopping, including clothing, curios, toys, candles and fragrances.

Little Tokyo, yet another ethnic enclave bordered by 3rd Street, Alameda Street, Central Ave and 1st Street, gives shoppers the opportunity to buy original gifts. Metro and Dash Buses connect shoppers from both the Civic Center Metro Red Line and Pico and 7<sup>th</sup>/Metro Blue Line Stations.

The Original Farmer's Market and The Grove, located at Third and Fairfax, are excellent areas to sample the cultural offerings of Los Angeles and to shop for authentic arts and crafts, antiques, jewelry, clothes and souvenirs. The area is accessible via Metro Bus 217 and Fairfax Dash Bus.

Choices also abound for upscale shopping via the Metro system. Metro Red Line stops at Hollywood/Highland give high-end shoppers a choice of boutique shops offering designer clothing, watches, perfumes and more. The Universal City Metro Red Line Station provides shopping opportunities at Universal City Walk for, among other things, collectible items and Hollywood souvenirs.

The NoHo Arts District, accessible from the North Hollywood Metro Red Line Station, offers an eclectic array of retail, vintage and children's clothing, home décor shops and boutiques.

The Metro Gold Line provides access to several excellent shopping areas, most notably Old Pasadena, an excellent choice for entertainment, dining and shopping. Major retailers sell fine clothing, books, computers, pottery, paintings and more. Shoppers can get to Old Pasadena from either the Memorial Park or Del Mar Metro Gold Line Stations.

Shoppers looking for antiques, clothing and vintage items will find shops in South Pasadena that fit the bill. South Pasadena can be reached via the Metro Gold Line Mission Station.

On the Metro Green Line, shoppers can visit Plaza Mexico, located adjacent to the Long Beach/I-105 Station. Considered

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## Supervisor Burke Makes Presentation to USC National Football Champions

The atmosphere was festive and the campus was decked with balloons in crimson, gold and white as Supervisor Burke joined more than 5,000 students and fans to celebrate Trojan Day at the University of Southern California (USC). The festivities were the first time the USC Trojan football team had appeared in public since they won the national college football championship at the Orange Bowl earlier in January, when they defeated Oklahoma 55-19 to complete a perfect winning season.



Master of Ceremonies for the program was Football Hall of Famer Marcus Allen (*left*), who won the Heisman Trophy as a USC running back in 1981. Joining him onstage, Supervisor Burke (*center*) presented a plaque to football head coach Pete Carroll (*second from left*) and USC Athletic Director Mike Garrett, a former Heisman Trophy winner (*second from right*) on behalf of the

County. USC quarterback Matt Leinart (*right*), was the Orange Bowl championship game's MVP. Supervisor Burke noted it was the second year in a row that the Trojan football team had won the national championship, and the team's 11<sup>th</sup> national championship.

Also onstage was Orange Bowl representative David Kniseley, who brought a large trophy bowl filled with Florida oranges. Kniseley was joined by Coach Carroll, Mike Garrett and Trojan quarterback Matt Leinart, as all threw oranges into the crowd. Marcus Allen pitched in with a pass to KCBS Channel 2 Sports Director and former NFL player, Jim Hill, who caught the ball with great precision.

Other presentations were made by Los Angeles City Councilmember Bernard Parks, who represents the district in which USC is located. Councilmember Tom LaBonge also grabbed the microphone to make a few remarks.

Before leaving the USC campus, Supervisor Burke (*pictured*) took time to greet some of the enthusiastic students and fans, who pressed against the crowd barriers to shake her hand.



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**LACERA:** Edward Anderson Jr., Linda C. Canzoneri, Karyl K. Foote, Julene V. Kennedy, John Landis

**MENTAL HEALTH:** Janet K. Abreu, Ann P. Hofstetter, Brenda Holt, Charles R. Kappmeyer, Charles Lewis, Frederick W. Massey, Emma R. Patton, Gloria E. Rios, Rex K. Shimizu, Lonell Thompson, Barbara J. Thompson, E.B. Trinchero

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Catalina Island, Los Verdes is a wonderful asset to the County's recreation facilities," Supervisor Knabe said.



The system will include the installation of new main lines, laterals, valves, irrigation heads and a controller. A wash area clarifier at the maintenance yard will connect to the existing sewer system. In addition to gauging water needs, the new system will be capable of injecting fertilizer into the turf.

"We are so excited to move forward on this project," Supervisor Knabe said. "This new efficient irrigation system will help update and maintain the stunning grounds for golfers." The estimated two year project will not affect the public's use of the golf course.

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the Mexican Universal City Walk, the plaza offers everything from clothing to fresh vegetables, electronic equipment to beauty supplies. There's also a meat and seafood market and bakery. Busy shoppers can still go Metro to their local shopping malls. Metro serves most major shopping malls in the County of Los Angeles, including Northridge Fashion Center, Topanga Mall, Macy's Plaza downtown, CityPlace in Long Beach and Hastings Ranch Shopping Center in Pasadena.

Metro shoppers can ride all day long using the Metro Day Pass. At \$3, the pass gives unlimited local access to both the Metro Bus and Rail system from time of purchase until 3 a.m. the next morning.

Shoppers can plan their trips online using Metro's Trip Planner, available at [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net). Additionally, they may plan their trips over the phone at 1-800-COMMUTE. Shopping and other destinations available by Metro can be found at [www.experiencela.com](http://www.experiencela.com).

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**Tips to Survive in 2005:*****Tune In!***

One of the most important things you can do immediately following an emergency or act of terrorism is to tune in to your local radio or television station for possibly life-saving information.

In the event of an attack, government officials will instruct you on what actions they are taking and what actions you should take to assure your safety. It is important that you remain calm and cooperate fully with local officials.

In the event of a chemical, biological, or radiological attack, instructions on personal protection, decontamination and health warnings will be provided by local public health and safety officials over radio and television, as well as the print media.

Make sure you have a portable radio with extra batteries in case the power is out in your area. Knowing what is going on around you will help to increase your chance of surviving an event. Always follow the advice of local authorities and remember to tune in as soon as possible for information and instructions.

For more information on the Emergency Survival Program (ESP), go to [www.espfocus.org](http://www.espfocus.org) or contact your local Office of Emergency Services.

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The storms have resulted in \$90 million in damages to the infrastructure and public buildings of Los Angeles County and its cities. The County is diligently working to repair and re-open closed roads as soon as possible. Some roads were severely damaged and will require extensive work, including replacement of the roadway from the bottom up, slope stabilization, and in some cases, obtaining environmental clearances to work in nearby creeks.

However, Supervisor Antonovich was able to expedite the opening of Lake Hughes Road between Ridge Route and Elizabeth Lake Road to motorists. "The opening of Lake Hughes Road is critical in re-establishing better access for residents of Green Valley, Lake Hughes, Lake Elizabeth, and Leona Valley. At my direction, the Department of Public Works committed additional resources to get this road open sooner, and similar efforts are being made on Bouquet Canyon and San Francisquito Canyon Roads. Opening these roads is essential to providing vital commuter links between the Antelope Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley and avoiding further delays for North County residents," Supervisor Antonovich said.

For information on the status of road closures in the unincorporated Los Angeles County, please visit [www.ladpw.org](http://www.ladpw.org). FEMA will determine the locations of subsequent satellite centers based upon the volume of damage reports received. Affected property and business owners are encouraged to report damages to the FEMA hotline at (800) 621-FEMA.

## RETIREES

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***Congratulations to the following employees who are joining the ranks of the retired after 25 or more years of service to the people of the County of Los Angeles:***

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## Valley Orange Line Project Advances

**Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky** (right) is joined, from the left, by MTA Executive Director Roger Snoble and City Councilmembers Tom LaBonge and Wendy Greuel, on hand to showcase construction progress on



the San Fernando Valley's Metro Orange Line, a 14-mile landscaped transit-way utilizing clean-burning natural gas-powered buses to speed commuters between Warner Center and the North Hollywood Metro Red Line subway station in 40 minutes. Championed by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, based on a highly successful comparable transit system he experienced in Curitiba, Brazil, the innovative \$330 million project is more than 60% complete, and is expected to begin service in September 2005. For further details, please visit [http://mta.net/projects\\_plans/orangeline/default.htm](http://mta.net/projects_plans/orangeline/default.htm).

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## Departmental Recycling Is on the Move



**T**he County Departmental Recycling Program is on the move to assist all County departments in making recycling easy. Most Departments already recycle paper and some recycle metal, beverage containers, printer toner cartridges, including other materials. With the recent launch of the Departmental Recycling and Education Program contract, the County will soon be offering a multitude of tools to assist the Departments in creating recycling programs best suited to fit their needs.

Log onto [www.ladpw.org/drp/](http://www.ladpw.org/drp/) and view the County's Departmental Recycling Web site to see what information and tips are currently available for all County employees. The Web site will be updated as we receive new and revised data. In addition, instructional materials will be available on the Web site to assist each Department's Recycling Coordinator in implementing recycling programs. Coordinators will also be able to input data in the Web site's database regarding how much is being recycled at each of their facilities.

A workshop to train Coordinators in using the database will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The contractor's Recycling Specialists will also be providing "one-on-one" assistance in April to selected County departments to help expand and enhance recycling programs. A Recycling Hotline is also available at (213) 622-0023 which will put you in touch with experts who can help solve problems or answer questions. Through these efforts, the County Departmental Recycling and Education Program is making it easy for Departments to implement and expand recycling in their facilities.

Together, all County employees can make a big difference in the workplace, and often all it takes is putting recyclables in a separate container. It's that simple.

For more information about recycling in your department, contact your Departmental Recycling Coordinator and ask what you can do to help implement recycling in your facility.

To find out who your Coordinator is, just log on to [www.ladpw.org/drp/](http://www.ladpw.org/drp/) and click on "Departmental Recycling Coordinator List," or call Russell Bukoff, Department of Public Works, at (626) 458-2186.



*As a result of the Departmental Recycling Program, these bins for beverage recycling have been placed along the beach at Dockweiler Beach.*



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